

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

-- The purpose of each server is to run one or more independent software applications in order to process data for specific tasks. In the preferred embodiment, the financials server 110 includes an accounts payable system module 130 and a projects system module 140, ~~both~~ both of which run independent applications, such as projects 142, billing, and accounts payable programs 132. The accounts payable system module 130 and the projects system module 140 process data provided by the financials server 110 through an accounts payable interface 135 and a projects interface 145, respectively. The HRMS server 120 also runs independent applications, such as a payroll import program 170 and a payroll-processing program 180. Thus, the system can run applications that process data for time cards, payroll, project, billing, costing and accounts payable functions. Many other independent software applications can be provided in this system, thus the present invention is not limited to the applications exemplified in Fig. 1. --

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

-- Fig. 4 shows how the interconnectivity program module 100 (Fig. 1) uses the HRMS interface 125 (Fig. 1) to provide an interface between data in the time and expenses database 105 (Fig. 1) and applications running on the HRMS server 120 (Fig. 1). In step 300, the data entry operator 150 runs the HRMS interface 125 on payroll data stored in and retrieved from the time and expenses database 105. In step 301, the HRMS interface 125 creates files 122 from the payroll data that is compatible with the payroll import program 170 running on the HRMS server 120 (Fig. 1) and sends the converted data to the payroll import program 170. An example of the payroll import program 170 is Pay Sheets, manufactured and distributed by PeopleSoft, Inc. of Pleasanton, California. In step 302, the payroll import program 170 converts the files into a format that is compatible with the payroll-processing program 180, also running on the HRMS server 120 (Fig. 1), and sends the files to the payroll-processing program. In step 303, the payroll-processing program 180 confirms the payroll data and generates a check 370 or a direct deposit 380 for an employee. --

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

-- Fig. 4 shows how the interconnectivity program module 100 (Fig. 1) uses the financials interface 15 (Fig. 1) to provide an interface between data in the time and expenses database 105 (Fig. 1) and applications running on the accounts payable system module 130 (Fig. 1) of the financials server 110 (Fig. 1) by way of the accounts payable interface 135 (Fig. 1). In step 400 of Fig. 4, the data entry operator 150 runs the financials interface 115 on expense data stored in and retrieved from the time and expenses database 105. The financials interface sends the expense data file 117 to the financials server 110. In step 401, the accounts payable interface 135 runs the data on the accounts payable system module 130. The accounts payable system module 130 may include an accounts payable program 460, which also resides on the financials server 110. In step 402, the data is processed by the accounts payable program 460, which generates a payment 470 for the appropriate vendor to whom the payment is owed. In step 403, the data processed by the accounts payable program 460 is sent as expense data 490 to the projects system module 140 (Fig. 1) by way of the projects interface 145 (see discussion below with respect to Figs. 5 and 6). --